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TEMPLE RADIO MAKES FRIENDS WORLD-WIDE

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Peoples Temple Takes To The Air

Rev. Jim Jones, at the Peoples Temple Agricultural Project in Guyana, South America, has initiated a remarkable new project using the temple's ham radio. In just the last few weeks Rev. Jones and a crew of experienced radio operators have made more than 2,000 contacts of friendship and goodwill, to ham radio operators throughout the United States and in other countries.

The purpose of the contacts is to strengthen friendly ties between the United States and Guyana and support Carter's Administration in furnishing needed economic assistance to this newly emerged nation, which is a leader in the Caribbean area of the hemisphere.

Jones has spearheaded this new effort with great energy and persistence. "Radio operators can make wonderful ambassadors," he notes, and "the response has been amazing." The temple has been deeply gratified to find a widespread understanding of the need for nonintervention, mutual coexistence, and aid to America's neighbors to the south.

The agricultural project was begun four years ago, for the joint purpose of providing a wholesome alternative lifestyle for troubled young persons and to produce food and agricultural technology that can help solve world food problems. The radio is being used extensively as an extension of these humanitarian efforts. Many times the temple has been able to relay requests for medical assistance and other needed help.

One situation involved a child in a neighboring country who was critically ill and needed a medicatron that could not be obtained there. Rev. Jones had hundreds of contacts made over the radio, over an area ranging thousands of miles, until the rare medication could be located.

Another remarkable set of contacts involved the delivery of a baby in Jonestown by the doctor there. The baby was a breech birth, and the mother was hemorrhaging. Eleven doctors were called in for consultation over the radio. The medical complications were handled in an expert manner, and both mother and child are doing very well.

Copies of radio identification numbers the temple has contacted from its Guyanese station are being forwarded to President Carter and many U.S. congressional representatives. The temple is proud to do its part in furthering goodwill for the United States in this part of the world. It has made known its support for the Guyanese policy of nonalignment.

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Long-Distance Caesarean

Washington

Dr. Albert Greenfield helped deliver twins by Caesarean section this week, although the patient was more than 2000 miles away in a village in the jungles of Guyana.

Greenfield, an obstetrician, was at home in suburban Bethesda, Md., on Monday night when a neighbor, who is a ham radio operator, said a doctor at the Mission Village clinic in Guyana needed help because a storm prevented the woman from being flown to a hospital. The two doctors began the long-distance consultation. Greenfield said the next day he was told the mother and babies were doing well.

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A POTOMAC DOCTOR HELPS DELIVER TWINS 2,000 MILES AWAY

RICHARD HAYMAN

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Dr. Albert A. Greenfield, an obstetrician, was about to retire for the night. He sat in his pajamas in a small room off his bedroom in Potomac, flipping through a medical journal on pediatric and adolescent gynecology.

Two blocks away, his friend, Richard W. Hayman, was turning the dials of his ham radio. He had just been talking to someone in Japan because he is planning a trip there in May.

More than 2,000 thousand miles away in the jungles of Guyana, a country in the northeast corner of South America, a woman two weeks overdue in her seventh pregnancy had been in labor more than 14 hours and was experiencing serious complications.

She couldn't be flown to the nearest hospital, one hour away, because a storm and ground fog prevented planes from taking off at the small airstrip seven miles away. The field is illuminated only by kerosene lamps.

IN THE NEXT few moments, the lives of the Maryland men and the Guyana woman became involved in an unusual medical drama. By the time it was over, the Potomac men had played a major role in the woman's delivery of identical twin girls, one weighing 6 pounds 4 ounces, the other 6 pounds 2 ounces.

At 10 o'clock Monday night, as Hayman was fiddling with the dials on his ham radio in his home at 9908 Colebrook Ave., he picked up an emergency call.

"I heard a doctor on one of the stations with an urgent plea to be connected with an obstetrician," said Hayman, who is vice president of Hayman Cash Register Co. "He had a woman in South America who was expecting twins. I responded because I felt I could contact an obstetrician"

"I called Dr. Greenfield and I told him I had a medical mission in South America and a pregnant woman who needed medical advice," he said in an interview yesterday. "I asked him if he would help out."

For the next 45 minutes, Greenfield, 40, talked from the phone in his home at 2 Colebrook Court to the doctor in Guyana, giving him instructions on how to perform a Caesarean section on the woman. By using a special apparatus, Hayman was able to "patch" Greenfield's telephone into his ham radio so that the two doctors could carry on a two-way conversation.

WHILE GREENFIELD talked, thousands of ham radio operators here and in other parts of the country tuned in and listened.

One man said that after listening to the instructions he personally thought he could perform the surgery, said Hayman, who has been a ham operator for 20 years. His call letters are K3DML.

"The doctor in the jungle had made a diagnosis of twins by placing his hands on the woman's abdomen," said Greenfield.

"One of the twins was in a head down or vertex position and the other was in a breach or bottom down position."

"I talked him through the entire operation," said Greenfield, an obstetrician for the past 12 years. "I sure was nervous. I wanted to be sure I gave him every detail. I was oversimplifying things.

"After each detail, I'd say, 'Do you follow me?' and he'd say either 'Yes, go on to the next step,' or he'd say, 'Could you repeat that.' "

BY 11 P.M. MONDAY, Greenfield had finished giving instructions for the delivery as well as post-operative orders.

"That was a first for me," said the doctor. "That was the longest- distance consultation I ever had. It was a very novel and thrilling experience.

"We were waiting on pins and needles to hear from the doctor in Guyana."

"Al (Dr. Greenfield) expressed doubt to me personally whether any of them — the mother and twins — would survive," said Hayman.

On Tuesday night, almost 24 hours later, Hayman and Greenfield called the doctor to find out the results of the operation. Because he was out on another medical emergency, the two Potomac men talked to a woman ham operator there who told them the operation had been successful. She also told them that the facility where the operation took place was called Mission Village in northwest Guyana. It has a medical clinic, an orphanage and an agricultural project, where most of the people are U.S. volunteers. She identified the man who performed the Caesarean as Dr. Larry Schacht.

"THE OPERATION was very successful, thanks to your help," the woman operator said in a taped recording of the radio conversation which Hayman made.

"This is Dr. Greenfield," said the doctor. "How is the mother?"

"The mother is doing fine," said the woman. "She lost about two pints of blood and she is a little weak, but doing very well. And the babies are extremely healthy."

"Have the babies' lungs been listened to and if so are they clean?" asked Greenfield.

"Roger."

"Were there any mechanical problems doing the actual procedure?" asked Greenfield.

"The procedure went very well thanks to your clear explanation and outlining of the procedures. It went very well. Everybody just followed your blueprint and everything went just fine."

"This is Doctor Greenfield again. I forgot what I was going to say...."

DR. ALBERT GREENFIELD